

# Alabama Forestry Camp 2007

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**T**he 2007 session of Alabama Forestry Camp, in its tenth year, is coming up soon. Held at the Federation of Southern Cooperatives facility near Epes, Alabama, in Sumter County, the camp will run from Sunday, June 3 through Thursday, June 7.

This five-day camp for high school students interested in forestry, conservation, and/or natural resources is designed to introduce basic forestry concepts through classroom instructions and outdoor activities. However, the week is not "all work and no play." There are also fun evening activities and recreation. The purpose of Alabama Forestry Camp is to have a positive learning experience.

At this year's camp, students will participate in sessions covering tree identification, forest management, forest products, wildlife, water quality, urban forestry, and forest history. There are also off-campus visits to recreational parks, a private landowner's property, and forest industry facilities. During Career Night, students will have the opportunity to talk to college recruiters about careers in forestry and natural resources. The final day of the camp includes a graduation

ceremony and luncheon for students, instructors, counselors, and family members. All students will receive a certificate of completion of the camp.

Open to both boys and girls, students must be 15-18 years old and completed the 9th grade, but not graduated from high school. Camp participants will be housed in dormitories with 24-hour adult supervision. Each attendee is responsible for providing his or her own transportation to and from camp. All other transportation, meals, and snacks will be provided. The application should be completed and signed by both student and parent. All applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2007. Space is limited. Applicants selected to attend Alabama Forestry Camp will be required to pay a \$25.00 non-refundable application fee.

If you know of someone interested in attending Alabama Forestry Camp, have them call any county office of the Alabama Forestry Commission for



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an application or for more information.

Applications are also available on the AFC website at [www.forestry.state.al.us](http://www.forestry.state.al.us). ☎

## Primary and Secondary Forest Industry Information

The Alabama Forestry Commission collects information on primary and secondary wood-using industries and maintains a current database under the "Market Resources" tab on our website at [www.forestry.state.al.us](http://www.forestry.state.al.us). This information is available to the public, free of charge. It is a valuable resource for landowners seeking timber markets, consultants seeking clients for sales, economic developers assessing the market for forest products in their areas, new and existing forest industries seeking new market areas for expansion, and other natural resource professionals for research into ecosystem services provided by Alabama's 23 million forested acres. Industries can be searched by county, industry type, products produced, or company name. ☎

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